

# **Council for Labor & Economic Growth**

## **Resolution**

### **Support for the Michigan Nursing Corps**

**Whereas**, the Council for Labor & Economic Growth is charged under Executive Order 2004-36 to advise the Governor and the Department of Labor & Economic Growth regarding policies in workforce development, adult education, career and technical education, community colleges, and the workforce elements of economic development; and

**Whereas**, in exercising its duties under Executive Order 2004-36, the Council shall provide other information, advice, or assistance as requested by the Governor; and

**Whereas**, the Council has been charged to challenge the status quo on how best to develop and invest effectively in Michigan's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce; and

**Whereas**, addressing Michigan's nursing shortage, which is estimated to be 18,000 by 2015, has been a high priority for Governor Granholm since taking office; and

**Whereas**, to ensure that Michigan adequately addresses both the current nursing need and the growing future need, Governor Granholm knows more must be done to expand the number of faculty in the state's nursing programs, increase clinical placement opportunities, and provide accelerated degree programs for workers choosing nursing as a second career; and

**Whereas**, Governor Granholm has unveiled the Michigan Nursing Corps to address both the current nursing needs and growing future need; and

**Whereas**, the Michigan Nursing Corps initiative will accelerate training of master's-prepared and doctoral-prepared nursing faculty through nationally accredited programs in Michigan; and

**Whereas**, the Michigan Nursing Corps initiative will accelerate training of staff nurses prepared as clinical faculty using a common statewide curriculum developed by accredited grantee institutions; and

**Whereas**, this Michigan Nursing Corps initiative will recruit Michigan's displaced workers holding bachelor's degrees in science for admission to accelerated, one-year bachelor programs in accredited Michigan nursing programs; now, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the Council for Labor & Economic Growth, given its charge, supports the Michigan Nursing Corps initiative.



Marjorie A. Sorge, Chair  
Council for Labor & Economic Growth

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